



Rock Spring Reporter

August 2009

From the office...

The August addition of the RSCC Reporter will be focus on parental appreciation! We have a couple of things to thank you all for and below are just a few...

-1- Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who were able to participate in all of the field trips this summer. From munching on freshly picked strawberries to getting soaked at the water park, we couldn't have done it without you! Whether you were able to drive on all of the field trips or one every bit of participation was helpful! Thank you!

-2- How about that Parent's Committee?! We have been very fortunate to have a parent organized group that has already had such a wonderful impact on the classrooms and the school as a whole. We would like to specifically thank Addison for spearheading this committee and really taking it and running with it. Stephanie Older should also get a huge round of applause for successfully organizing the room parents. The teachers have told us that they have already had great help

from the room parents and look forward to communication with them in the future. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events this Fall that have been organized by the Parent's Committee.

-3- Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to help with the multiple open houses that we have held these past few months. We say it all the time but the prospective parents LOVE having current parents on hand to grill about their experience at RSCC. We have a couple coming up in August and in September so if you are able to help we would love it!

Overall, thank you for being such wonderful families that we can count on and helping to create a community atmosphere! Have a wonderful August!

Sincerely,
Carrie, Betsy, and Sandra

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Don't forget to display your Rock Spring Bumper Magnets! This is helping us both to advertise the Center as well as avoid getting towed from the drop off spots in front of the school. Parking will continue to be a bit tricky until the new parking garage is finished in a few months.



Happy Birthday or Anniversary...

Anniversary...

Chamida: 8/2- 4 years!

Betsy: 8/15- 4 years!

Birthday...

Rosa: 8/11

Guppies

The Guppy Class has been very busy already this summer. The children have had a lot of adventures outdoor and around the school. We have had a couple of stroller rides around the pond so we can visit the ducks and the birds.

Last month we got to welcome Coby and his family. He has adjusted quite nicely to the classroom.

All of our babies are doing very well. They are developing their small and large motor skills by picking up food and moving around the room.

Jon and Sienna are the leaders of the group. Jon is very social and is learning to stand up. He loves holding onto the gate and talking to the neighboring Tadpoles!

Our "Busy Bee" Sienna is all over the classroom! She has started venturing out into the indoor play

area when the big kids are not out there and really getting to know the school.

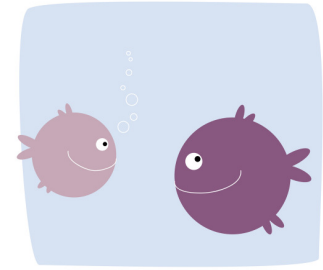
Little boy Coby has just joined the club and is learning to crawl. He crawls little by little over to all of his friends.

Ada is a sweet little one. She is very easy going. She loves playing in the excer-saucer.

Our cute baby Paige loves to spend time in front of the mirror. She loves to watch her beautiful face. She is also very talkative and friendly.

Our youngest baby Caroline is doing great. She likes to watch all that goes on in the colorful room. When we talk to her she responds with a big smile on her face! She is such a sweet little one.

Our wonderful Guppies are doing very well. When Ms Dilruba was out of town Ms Flora and Indima gave



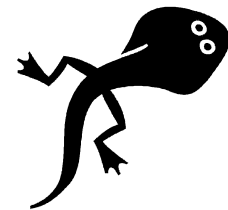
us a ton of help. Thank you ladies!

Ms Dilruba would like to thank all of the parents for there more than thoughtful gifts honoring her 20 year anniversary. She loved every gift and good thought that was sent her way. Thank you!

If you have any questions please feel free to ask us!

Love,

The Guppy Teachers



Tadpoles

In the Tadpole room, we have been having a lot of fun. We have been going out around the pond to look at the view of how the ducks landed in the water and we saw the airplanes that past by and we would go look at how he older children play outside in the playground. We also have free play in the blue room where everyone loves to walk around, play with the toys that they have and especially play in the tent. In the classroom, we read the books that we have and we also sing songs and dance with the rhythm of the music. Everyone has enjoyed this month and there has been a lot improving, and we are very proud of everyone.

Michael has been doing a great job. He has been doing a great effort in the blue room. He likes to try to stand up and he doesn't like it when you leave him sitting down! He likes to move around and practice standing up and pulling himself up. He really has lots of fun practicing and he is always a happy boy doing the best and we are very proud of him.

Katherine is becoming a big girl right now. We are very excited now that this

month she started to walk. This was a very big surprise for all the teachers in the Tadpole room and we are very happy. We are very proud of her hard work and effort and now that she knows how to walk, she moves around everywhere and she loves to explore around the blue room and in the classroom.

Luke is the sweetest boy. He loves to dance around moving side to side when the music is on. He loves to move around and he is a very fast crawler, like lightning. He always makes us laugh and brings everyone put a smile on their face. He has also started blowing kisses to everyone. Also he has been saying "Ma ma and Dada" a lot during this month and also saying "ahi esta" meaning "there it is" in Spanish.

Alessandra is always happy when she is dropped off. Every morning she comes with her Grandmother and she expects her teachers to greet her with a pancake. She loves her pancake so much that she eats it piece by piece with delicate and with love. When we give her the pancake there is no fuss and no crying when her Grandmother goes and she is just the happiest girl eating her loving pancakes.

Ava loves to sing songs every time we put music on. Her favorite song that we have is the "ABC song" she loves it so much that she sings along and she dances to the song.. She loves to read books and play with the toys that she is surrounded by in the classroom or in the blue room. She especially loves going outside watching everything she sees and saying hi to everyone that passes by.

William knows when something is wrong in the classroom, he says "Oh oh." He also has started to balance himself for a really long time and he gets very excited and tries and tries all over again. We are very proud of his very hard effort and how the fact that he doesn't get tires of doing it and does that for almost the whole day.

For this month, the Tadpoles have been with lots of new surprises lately and we are very proud of everyone with their hard work and efforts. Parents if you have any concern about your child please don't hesitate and call us please or ask us questions, thank you!

Salamanders



Hello everyone!

Welcome to the month of August!

The summer has been wonderful. We are having fun keeping cool playing in the water during water play and of course learning a lot about water including water animals such as frogs and turtles, the ocean and fish (to name a few).

We had a live interactive animal show on August 30th; the children were able to see live animals such as turtles, a crocodile, a snake (including a Boa Constrictor!) and a few more interesting animals!! It was so much fun! The children enjoyed it very much and did a great job sitting still!

We love the summer time, but we are also looking forward to the fall – that's when we will switch themes and learn about the changing season – fall and our new curriculum - "Family Fun". We have a lot planned for our new curriculum which will start the second week of August. Please bring in a collage of

few family pictures for one of our Family Fun projects coming up soon and we will post them on the wall and talk about them.

We would like to welcome Samuel. He is joining the Salamander class the first week of August. We know that he will love meeting new friends and learning fun things.

We have been continuing our sign language lessons. The signs we have been practicing are: thank you, please, eat, finished and diaper change. We will not let learning these signs get in the way of teaching words!!

We want to make sure your children have extra labeled clothes, sunscreen (also labeled), diapers, diaper cream and if you could donate plastic bags we would appreciate it!

We'd like to keep the lines of communication open to everyone. We'd love to get any feedback about what we are teaching and/or doing in our classroom.

Also any concerns (at all) you may have are welcome too! We also have two new room mothers: Sydney's mother Melanie and Daniel's mother Sonia! They will be helping us with miscellaneous tasks and communication!

Thank you parents – you are so helpful and supportive and we thoroughly enjoy having your children in our class!

Love,
Mary Beth, Chandi, Amina and Dulari

Frogs

Happy summer everyone! This summer is flying by. We have done so many fun activities that have to do with our families. One of our favorites was pasting family pets on to construction paper. We talked about different things that families do together such as going on family vacations. Since the beach is the most popular vacation destination, we learned about that the most. We did all kinds of ocean activities and

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great job sitting still!

We would like to welcome Katie and Jack to our class. We are so happy to have them with us and we know it will be so much fun! We would also like to say a big goodbye to Owen and Mark; they are in the process of transitioning from the Frog classroom to the Dragonfly classroom. The teachers in that classroom are very excited to have them.

Next month we will be concentrating mostly on the fall weather. We'll be going on lots of nature walks and reading books about fall.

As always, we are so happy to be your children's teachers, it's such an honor to teach such a sweet group of children!

We would love to hear your concerns and/or ideas you may have that have to do with our class.

Thanks for being such a great bunch of

parents! We look forward to a wonderful fall with your wonderful children!



Dragonflies

Wow. We can't believe that we were just starting July and now it's already gone. July was a fun month. We had a great field trip. We want to thank all the parents who joined us for our field trip.

In August, we will start the new curriculum in which we will talk about "splash and splash." We are going to learn about places to splash, making a splash, and moving in or with water. We are going to have a lot of fun group activities with splashing water.

We are very proud to say that our children

have good table manners. Every time we are hearing the children say "thank you" and "please." We will further continue to work on good table manners. In addition, it would be a good idea to work with your child at home on table manners.

Every Friday is a sharing day. Please bring your child's favorite item to share with others..

We are very sad to say goodbye to Cade, Luca and Josephine's family, and at the same time we would like to welcome Owen, Mark, and Arielle's family.

We would like for the par-

ents to know that we are always available to speak with you about any comments or concerns that you have may have. Also, please see that your kids have extra clothing in their cubbies since they are being potty trained.

Thank you,

Roxana, Chamida, and Yasmine

Butterflies

July was a wonderful month with lots of fun activities like field trips, water play and activities in the classroom. Now we welcome august and we will have many more things to do in our classroom. We want to say goodbye to Alexandra and Kadi as they are going to the big classroom were they are going to learn more and more. We enjoyed having them and watching them grow. We will miss them and their wonderful families. Now we would like to welcome Andrew and Max and their fami-

lies to our butterfly classroom. Parents please fell free to call us for any questions and concerns. We are happy to have Hailey in our classroom helping us, and the kids love her. The curriculum planned for this month is "splish and splash" where we will learn and teach about water and have many activities such as:

1. In the neighborhood.
2. Natural resources.
3. Indoors.

We will continue to do the projects, have circle time music and also develop our fine and

gross motor skills. Parents please helps us by bringing in any old magazines and newspapers that you may have.

Happy birthday to Julia and Sara on August 30th!

- Asha, Dee Dee, Hailey, and Doris





Otters

In the month of July we had a ton of fun exploring the “Splish and Splash” curriculum! Celebrating July 4th was also a highlight of the month as we all got to make “fireworks” and then we all got to discuss what a fun time we had at our different celebrations.

While July is over, we are thrilled to be starting the month of August with two new Otters. We would like to welcome Cade and Alexandra to the Otter Class. We are excited to have you!

While we have gained two new Otters, we are very sad to say goodbye to Lacey and Adam

as they head to the Geese Classroom. We know that they will do wonderfully in the Geese Classroom but will miss them very much. Goodbye guys!

The month of August will be filled with more fun activities and we will continue to do water play. The curriculum for the month of August is all about you! It is called “Family Fun!” We will be talking all about what fun activities families can do together, the different kinds of families, and what all of the Otter Families enjoy. This unit gives us a chance to explore each Otters favorite activities and pass times.

We would like to thank all of the parents who came on our

field trips this summer. We could have done it without you! Also, we would like to thank our newly appointed room parents Beatrice, Nihan, and Jessica. (Lucca, Bora, and Patrick’s mothers.)

We hope that you enjoy this last month of summer and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns for the classroom.

Sincerely,

Idalia, Brooke, and Luiza

Turtles

We hope you are ready for another fantastic month in The Turtle Room! It’s hard to believe that July has already come and gone! It went fast, but we had a GREAT time and did a ton of learning. Of course all of our field trips were a huge success, especially the ones to the Splash Park, which coincided beautifully with our High Reach curriculum theme of water. The Turtles have had an awesome time learning all about water, how it moves, all the ways we use water (especially in water play) and are pretty much experts now when it comes to the creatures of the underwater world. We’ve also had some fantastic growth this month in using our manners, taking turns and following directions-all things which we will continue to work on in the months to come.

Our High Reach curriculum theme for the upcoming month is going to be *skin* and we are excited to watch the Turtles as they learn all about the importance of our largest organ, why we need to take care of our skin, skin of animals, fruits

and vegetables and The Turtles will even learn about nutrition and health through our active learning. It should be a great month of education and fun so be sure to keep up with the Turtle Classroom’s Daily Blog so you can tune into what we are doing at school and continue the learning at home! Please be sure to let Miss Erin know if you are having any troubles with the blog or are not getting it.

We are also excited to announce that we will have another Turtle joining our “herd!” Kadi started transitioning to our room from the Butterflies in the last week of July and will start with us full time on August 1st. Kadi is thrilled to be reunited with her old buddies from the Butterflies (and they’re ecstatic to be with her again too!) so her transition has gone wonderfully! We’ve also got some big days to celebrate in the upcoming month as Max will be turning 3 on August 1st and Ben will have his 3rd Birthday on August 24th! In addition, our Freaky Fridays will continue into

August with “Fruit Salad Day,” Hat Day,” “Book Day” and “Clean Up Day.” We teachers promise to do our best in reminding everyone which days are coming up when.

We look forward to beginning yet another amazing month in our room and hope you are excited too! Please remember to try and check your child’s folder as often as possible (located on the wall by the kitchen) as that is how all important forms and reminders will be sent home as well as your Turtle’s beautiful artwork! As always, we Turtle Teachers are available if you ever have any questions, comments or concerns. Happy August to all!

-Miss Erin, Miss Iliana & Miss Rosie

Geese

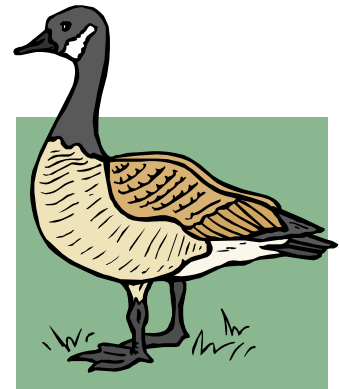
Wow how July has gone by so fast!!! Before you know it, it's going to be time for school to begin for the Fall! The Geese have had a great month learning all about water, what it does, where you can find it, how it feels, how it changes and so much more. For the month of August we will be Continuing to learn more about water and ocean. So please, as always if there are any books or articles you might have on the topics, feel free to bring them. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with chaperoning on our field trips. It would not be possible without you guys. So thank you very much. We had some wonderful and fun times at the Splash Park. We also enjoyed the Animal Show with the live reptiles. It was super exciting and

great as we got to see some really cool things!

We would like to welcome Lacey and her family and Adam and his family to the Geese Class. They both join us from the Otter Class. We are excited to have them and their families. So welcome! We are sad to say good-bye to Sophia Prats and her family as she moves onto the Duck Class. We will miss her and her vivacious spirit!

Oh an EXCITING CONGRATS to Sapna and her family on the birth of her new baby sister named Kavya Grace on Friday July 24th. We give the Joy family lots of honking love from the Geese Class! Hope everyone has a wonderful August. If

you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to ask one of the teachers. -Miss Yessenia, Miss Carrie, and Miss Kelly



Ducks

Welcome to August! Who knew the summer would fly by SO fast! I can't quite believe that it's almost over. The Ducks have had such an amazing summer and we don't want to see it end! :-)
August will be a fun month to be a Duck! We will be continuing our curriculum unit called Splish and Splash! The Ducks are really enjoying it. They are really the concept of it all. The love talking about all their many adventures in water. I can't wait to do some very fun science projects with water in August. Of course we will continue to have our Freaky Friday's all August long! We have some really fun ones coming up. The Ducks especially enjoyed the Silly Wacky Week in July. Everyday it was something new and different! Good times! We would like to welcome Sophia Pratts to our classroom in August! We are so excited to have her join us from the Geese classroom. We also have a brand new joining us in August, Isabel. We are very excited to be getting some more girls into our very boy heavy class :-)
Happy 4th Birthday to Maggie on August 9th! We hope you enjoy your

very special day! We are sad to say that Miss Victoria will be leaving us August 21st to return to Frostburg. She will keep in touch and wants to work here in the future. I have her e-mail and address at school, so we can send her love all year round from the Ducks! We would like to welcome 2 new Duck teachers in the classroom! Miss Elise & Miss Kathryn will be coming in August. Miss Charlene took a job in Arizona. We miss her and wish her the best of luck! I am very excited for the new teachers to begin and get to know you all and the Ducks. We will be losing some Ducks for kindergarten and new schools in the Fall. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Aidan A, Cameren, Claire, and David good luck! I have truly enjoyed being your teacher and seeing you all bloom and grow into amazing kids! I will treasure the time we had in the Ducks. August is always hard for me to say good-bye to kids, but please keep in touch. My e-mail is MsStephanie@rockspringcc.com I will think of you and your families often. I love you all! And of course I am losing some wonderful kids who

are so grown up and becoming Swans. I know that this good-bye is still difficult, but as Martin says, "I'll just be down the hall from you!" Thank you for being such a wonderful group of kids! I have loved loved loved being your teacher! You have made me laugh everyday and I know I am leaving you in excellent hands with Miss Heather! You all will blossom and become even more excellent kids than you already are :-)
Also I would like to send a special shout out to my Swans who are leaving! I loved being your teacher at CCCC in the Grizzly Bears and I will miss you all very much! Good luck to Courtney, Jaime, Nicky, Maddie, Margot, Amelia, and Catherine! I have know most of you since you were babies and you all are amazing little people who I will miss a lot! I hope everyone has an awesome August! xxoo, Miss Stephanie and Miss Victoria

Swans

What? August already? Oh no! This means that kindergarten is just around the corner. I am so proud of my class, but it is bittersweet for sure. Ready or not, here it comes. Most of the Swans will be here until the last week in August right before school starts. However, I will be out on vacation (going to London!) the last two weeks of August. I realize now that this is the absolute WORST time for me to be away as I will miss the last day of school for most of my class:(I am so sad about this and I am very sorry about the inconvenience. When planning in April, I just did not think about this. My last day before I leave will be Thursday August 13th. I would like to plan a little goodbye party with the class for that day. Thankfully, Miss Shannon will be here most of the time that I am away. She goes away to college on Sunday August 30th (how exciting!) and so she may need a couple of days before that to pack up and refocus. Helping her out will be Miss Flora for the first week and Miss Jessica for the second week.

Speaking of kindergarten, you may be seeing some nervousness in your child which is not uncommon. We are talking about it here in school and reading books about the first day of kindergarten. I will address any worries as they come and am letting the class know that it is OK if they feel a little (or a lot) worried.

Of course, not everyone is leaving for kindergarten or other new schools. The wonderful

Spenser and the lovely Sydney will remain with me for the next school year:) Also, I am told that a new friend named Josh will start up in early August. We can't wait to have him. He too will remain through next year.

This month will go too quickly I'm afraid, but we will have lots of fun! The first Friday in August will be fruit salad day. We will spend the week tasting lots of unusual fruits. If you would like to bring in anything new for us to taste, we would love it! I remember one time (I think it was Nicky's mom who brought it in when his older brother was in my class) we tried something called dragon-fruit. It was fun to try something we had never heard of.

The next Friday will be hat day. We will spend that week learning about different kinds of hats. We will take a look at some people whose jobs require them to wear hats. I am thinking that it would be fun to wear hats all week. Can you find 5 different hats at your house? I bet you can.

The following Friday will be book day. Again, I think it would be fun to bring in favorite books all week. The Swans will also make books of their own.

The last week of school for the summer will be spent cleaning up and getting ready for the new year and the new children coming into our room. We will take down old labels and put up new ones and clean up our cubbies and mailboxes and mats. Those children who are leaving can leave their space nice and neat for the next child:)

And that's it! Our summer has flown by and we have been so busy. I thank all of you wonderful Swan parents for being the best and nicest and most supportive people ever! I will miss all of you just as much as your children. I am so excited for your children to go on and continue to learn, learn, learn. They have brought me so much joy and have renewed my love for my job. Thanks for EVERYTHING!!!

I love you xxxooo, Miss Heather

Reenrollment Packets

Please keep your eyes open for reenrollment packets that will be going home in the beginning of August. They will be in your child's mailbox or cubby. All of the forms enclosed in the packet need to be updated yearly and returned to the office no later than September 4th, 2009.

Please let us know if you have any questions!



Open Houses

We need volunteers for our open houses on August 11th from 6 to 8pm and on August 24th from 8 to 10am. Please let us know if you are able to stay and help.



Sally Foster

This Fall we will be doing Sally Foster as a fundraiser. (Wrapping paper and other fun supplies.) Catalogs and order forms will be going out at the end of the month and will be due sometime in August.



Rock Spring Spirit Days

This Fall we will be starting Spirit Days which will give us an opportunity to show our RSCC love! Shortly, you will get a discount flyer that will allow you to take 10% off of your entire order at www.fieldhouse.com/rockspring. You will find everything from shirts, tote bags, outerwear, onesies... EVERYTHING! (Check out the tote bags that can be customized with your child's name for all of your bedding transportation needs!) What is even better is that RSCC gets 20% of all orders that are purchased!

Check it out!



Extended Hours

Please see the attached flyer regarding extended hours that are now being offered at RSCC...

